

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7022
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Suzanne Griffith on the occasion of her retirement as President of the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Griffith is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for over 21 years as President of the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce and will be taking a much deserved retirement on January 27, 2006; and

WHEREAS, born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Suzanne spent her early years in Milwaukee and later North Syracuse, New York, where she attended North Syracuse High School and graduated cum laude from Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffith accepted the position of Executive Vice President with the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce in August of 1984, becoming the first full-time employee of the Chamber; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at the helm of the Chamber of Commerce, Suzanne Griffith led the Chamber through its transition to a full-time, fully staffed office; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Mrs. Griffith's position was renamed "President"; and

WHEREAS, a 1990 graduate of the six-year U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute of Organizational Management Program, Mrs. Griffith has earned the respect and admiration of her peers and colleagues as evidenced by her service as Past President of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives and as Past President of the West Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Griffith is an active and important part of her community, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Bartlett Station Commission, the

Bartlett in Bloom Committee, and the Bartlett Historical Society, in addition to being a Charter member of Leadership Bartlett and Past Chair of the Metropolitan Economic Development Forum; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffith has also contributed her time and numerous talents to the Tennessee Delegation to the White House Conference on Libraries, the Tennessee Advisory Council on Libraries, and the committee to form the Tennessee Friends of the Library; and

WHEREAS, prior to her illustrious service with the Bartlett area Chamber of Commerce, Suzanne Griffith worked for the Shelby County Schools in Special Education at Ellendale Elementary School for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Griffith exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she is the proud mother of two devoted sons and beloved grandmother of one treasured grandchild; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Suzanne Griffith has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and the citizens of Bartlett, Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Suzanne Griffith our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.